

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Toshiki TANAKA et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Filed: February 15, 2001

For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION....

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the subject application, please AMEND the above-identified application, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 6, change "00-50066" to --2000-040162--

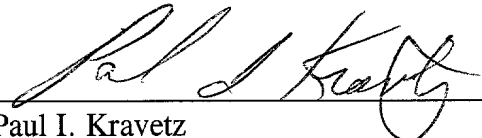
**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct an inadvertent error in the priority number at page 1 of the application. No new matter is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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